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SUBJ: ISRAELI-JORDANIAN COOPERATION IN OIL SPILL WARNING

REF.: AMMAN 323

1. ON JANUARY 16 HOOPER VISITED EMBASSY TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT REFTEL. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY SCIATT OBTAINED VERBAL COMMITMENT FROM DR URI MARINOV, DIRECTOR, ISRAELI ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICE, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THAT GOI WILL PROVIDE TO GOJ, VIA US EMBASSIES TEL AVIV AND AMMAN, INFORMATION ABOUT OIL SPILLS IN VICINITY OF EILAT WHICH THREATEN POLLUTION OF JORDANIAN WATERS OR SHORELINE. MARINOV SAID THAT THIS OFFER WAS CONDITIONAL UPON GOJ AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SIMILAR INFORMATION TO GOI. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE TOO LONG, FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY.

2. MARINOV SAID THAT UPON RECEIPT OF AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM GOJ, HE WOULD CONVENE MEETING OF REPS
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OF ISRAELI MINTRANSPORT AND MINAGRICULTURE (NATURE RESERVE AUTHORITY) TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF HOW INFORMATION WOULD BE COLLECTED AND PASSED TO EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT: MARINOV IS AWARE THAT MOST OIL SPILLS ARE ON ISRAELI SIDE AND VERY FEW AT AQABA, BUT INSISTS THAT RECIPROCITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

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